

HOME SCHOOL DAY AT THE CAPITAL

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22nd, 2009

Dear Legislators and others in the Bismarck Capital Complex,

Please stop by and visit with ND home educating families in the Memorial and Legislative Halls on Thursday, January 22nd between 8 AM and 5 PM . The table displays were prepared by home educating families for your pleasure and to prompt discussion about home education details.

HB 1171 is the bill that home educators are especially interested in passing this session. Here is the link to it: <http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/61-2009/bill-text/JASA0200.pdf> If you have questions about this bill, please talk to the home schoolers about it on Thursday.

There will be many home schooled children at the Capital on Thursday. If Legislators are willing and able to have them (or a home school parent) sit with you in the afternoon sessions, I know that many would appreciate the experience.

I know that several of the home school families have invited their legislators to visit over breakfast, lunch or dinner. If you haven't been contacted by a home school family in your district yet, and have time to visit over a meal, please let me know and I'll see what I can arrange for Thursday.

Thanks for taking some time from your busy schedule on Thursday to visit with ND home school families.

Sincerely,

Jim Bartlett

P.S. Here are clips from a study which demonstrate that state regulation is not needed to ensure quality home education.

"Whether and to what degree the state (i.e., civil government) should control private (i.e., non-government) education has been debated in the United States since at least the 1830s. The one study on this found no relationship between degree of regulation and homeschool students' academic achievement, as previously reported. First, the simple fact is that no significant statistical relationships were found between the degree of state regulation of homeschooling and students' SAT verbal, math, and total scores."

(ref.

http://www.academicleadership.org/emprical_research/State_Regulation_of_Homeschooling_and_Homeschoolers_SAT_Scores_printer.shtml)

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